Are you okay?
Y--
Yes.
You broke my glasses!
You were about to break her glasses.
We'll call it even.

Sure we will...
RAAAHH!
SWOOSH!

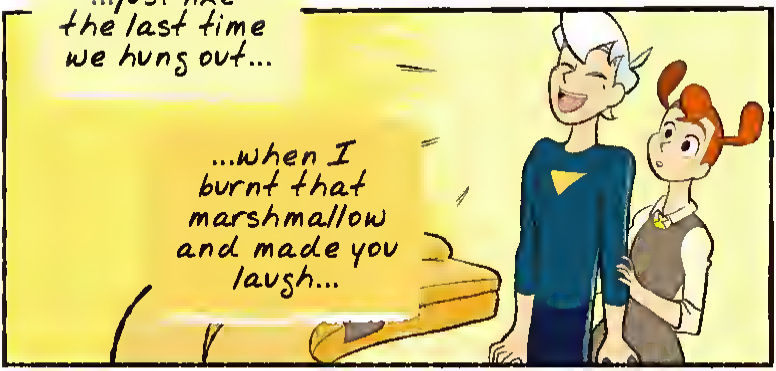
SWOOSH!
BAM!
Oliver!
I'm fine!
Stay

behind me!

Oliver...

...it's pouring out of you!

I can
see it with
such vibrant
clarity...


...just like the last time we hung out...
...when I burnt that marshmallow and made you laugh...

Except back then I couldn't find the words to describe your flavor--
Back then I couldn't put a name to the warm tang of your true self--

But now it's so obvious.
Simple, even.
I feel silly for not seeing it before.

POW!

Orange.

Orange
with a hint
of cinnamon.

That's
the flavor
you've been
hiding.

FOMP!

I had no

What?
Uh--
Nothing.

Oliver--
I had no idea your flavor was so bright--
So alive!

You have passion in your heart.
And love.
Far more than I ever could have guessed.

Your soul...
...it's beautiful.

Monster...

You're a monster.
I landed so many solid punches...
...straight to your face...

...but you barely blinked.
What kind of freak are you anyways?
Can't you feel pain like a normal person?
Or does pain make you happy--

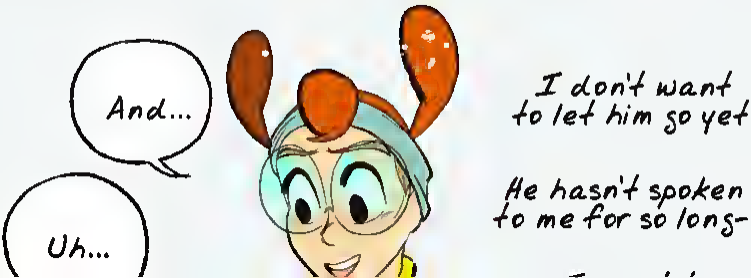
Is that the kind of freak you are?
Amy.
We should go.

We walk for a while in silence.

The word "monster" echoes in my head.

Can you get home safely from here?
Oh--
Yeah, it's just around the corner.
I guess I'll go then.
Wait, Oliver--

Thank you.
Thank you for saving me.


And...
Uh...
I don't want to let him go yet.
He hasn't spoken to me for so long--

I want to make this last.

I--

I saw you standing in front of that graveyard.

What were doing there?

Saying goodbye.

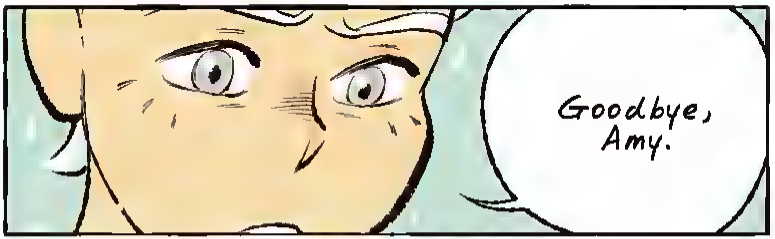
To--
To someone buried there?
To your family?

No.

To the angel--
--that statue that sits under the tree.
I used to talk to her a lot.
Before I met you.
Oh.
Wait--
Why?

You were saying goodbye to her?

Are you going somewhere?


Goodbye, Amy.

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